

## CONFERENCE: CHURCHES TAKING ACTION ON SHELTER AND HOUSING

Date: May 4-5, 1990

Conference Site: Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church  
900 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC

Sponsors: World Vision (Monrovia, CA) and the Churches Conference on Shelter and Housing (Washington, DC)

### Purpose:

A two-day training conference for congregations and church-related organizations that are searching for practical ways to alleviate the suffering of the poor caused by the lack of safe, decent, affordable housing. By presenting a variety of shelter, transitional and permanent housing models developed by church organizations, conference organizers expect to challenge, inspire and be a resource to Christians who wish to address this problem.

Networking and coalition building will be encouraged. Every participant will be given a resource manual of church-sponsored, affordable housing programs to encourage new housing program development by churches and church-related organizations in their home communities.

### Costs:

World Vision will pay travel expenses, room and board as well as conference fees for two participants from your community.

### Type of Participants Desired:

World Vision is seeking: (1) one representative from a local Christian organization which has a low-income housing program and (2) one representative from a Christian organization that has no prior involvement in housing but is interested in developing a housing program in the near future.

### Responsibility of Participants:

The two participants from your community are expected to work together to convene a community-wide meeting of Christian organizations in their community after their return from the conference. At this meeting, participants will share the information they obtained at the conference in order to encourage other Christian organizations to develop programs in low-income housing for the local community.

### Application Process:

If you or someone from your organization is interested in attending this conference, please write a letter indicating your interest. The letter should also state your organization's commitment to help coordinate a community-wide meeting of church organizations upon your return, and it should describe your organization's prior involvement in housing programs.

The letter should be on organizational stationery, signed by the executive director or chairperson of the governing board and should be sent to World Vision's local community resource person named on the cover letter accompanying this document.